

OFFICIAL MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2016 7:00PM
CITY OF GUNNISON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Niemeyer	X		
Erich Ferchau	X		
Andy Tocke	X		
Bob Beda	X		
Sharon Cave	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Matt Schwartz	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Development Director Steve Westbay, Planner Andie Ruggera, Planning Technician Michelle Spain

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY CHAIR GREG LARSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS. There were none.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Tocke moved, and Commissioner Cave seconded, to approve the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call Yes: Beda, Ferchau, Larson, Niemeyer, Schwartz, Cave, Tocke

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain:

Motion carried

V. COUNCIL UPDATE. Councilman Schwartz commenced his review.

Review of the meeting held on January 19th.

- Reviewed the contract for services contract.
- Continuing Challenge grant update: council reviewed where the funds were being spent on each request.
- Chief Robinson gave an update on the nuisance ordinance and what progress is being made on this.
- Mr. Bratton's Metro District review will be coming up soon.

Review of meeting held January 26th.

- Economic development discussion. At the suggestion of Mr. Achen, interim City Manager, he requested Council to decide as a whole what issues should be reviewed.
- Public Hearing was set on White House LLC dba Hashish Hut for a retail Marijuana business.

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- Complete streets call with CDOT was reviewed. Various members of Council, and staff were in attendance. Tomichi corridor was reviewed with CDOT. Next Friday will be another call with CDOT. They will then respond with their comments. We will then be able to proceed with the next step. There is some hesitation on their part since this would be the first request of this kind on a state highway. The governor's fund for bicycle and pedestrian paths is not available to our community. So future funding will need to be looked at.
- Director Westbay indicated that it was a productive meeting with CDOT. They at least did not say no. They want to look at the engineering details of the proposal before making any recommendations.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.

- Commissioner Beda asked why we are encouraging bicycle traffic on the U. S. Highway that is the busy thorough fair in the City limits. Director Westbay responded that it is the geometric design to narrow this street section. By doing so the cross pedestrian movement will be safer. Councilman Schwartz responded that he did not feel this street would be a heavily used bike lane. The intent is to slow the traffic for safety reasons. Commissioner Beda asked about the location of the bike lanes. Director Westbay reviewed the protected bike areas.
- Commissioner Tocke discussed his bike use. Commissioner Larson indicated the striping costs and the medians will be the largest expenses. Director Westbay responded that the maintenance costs would be increased. Councilman Schwartz indicated that a long term commitment will be needed for this project. This will be put in place for at least 3 years.

VII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE. Director Westbay started his review.

- Gunnison Rising Metro District is being reviewed at this time. The attorneys are reviewing all of this and this Friday we will be meeting with the applicants. The applicants are looking a PIF, Public Improvement Fee, which is a sales tax provision that would be collected from the businesses to repay the bonds for the utility improvements.
- We also visited with a citizen on a mobile home park in the city.
- OVPP housing plans were discussed. This meeting reviewed financing tools for affordable housing that were being used in other communities. Ben Cowan, Finance Director and Director Westbay will be giving council additional information on this.
- Lazy K review was today on a conference call. UCC Denver has submitted its review on the various stages. They will be submitting three alternatives for this site. An update to City Council will be in March sometime. This is on a DOLA grant so this has been very interesting, fun project.
- River restoration project is in preliminary design stage. We will be submitting a Wetland Delineation to the Army Corps of Engineers. We will also need to get together with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the Sage Grouse.

Adjourn 07:20 pm

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**VIII. ADJORN TO WORK SESSION AT 7:20 PM– COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE –
FUTURE PLANNING SCENARIO AND VISIONING**

Attest:

Greg Larson, Chair

Michelle Spain, Secretary